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Donovan Protected By Detectives

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Cuban prisoner negotiator James B. Donovan was flanked by plainclothes police officers when he addressed a convention in Bal Harbour Tuesday.

Donovan, an insurance attorney and also chairman of the New York City Board of Education, helped free Bay of Pigs invasion prisoners. Possible Cuban exile demonstrations prompted the tight security, said an official for the National Association of Insurance Commissioners convention.

However, Donovan also has a plainclothes guard in New York because of threats against his life. These threats presumably grow out of racial troubles in the schools there.

While he spoke at the Americana Hotel, plainclothes officers stood on either side of the head table. Two uniformed Florida Highway Patrol troopers stood at the rear of the hall. Credentials were checked at the door.

One plainclothesman came from the Florida Highway Patrol, the other from the Bal Harbour Police Department.

In an on-the-run interview after his talk, Donovan commented that Negro school boycotters and stall-in demonstrations had "boomeranged."

"In a liberal community like New York," said Donovan, "the only valid test of the success of demonstrations by minority groups is the extent that they win the support and understanding of a majority of the community."

He said school boycotts and stall-ins "not only are failures, they boomeranged."

The integration problem in New York City came, he said, because 800,000 whites "fled the city" since the war while 700,000 Puerto Ricans and Negroes came in.

Shifting to Cuba, Donovan said, "Castro is playing Russia against Red China, and both against the United States." He expects this pattern to continue.

Donovan said he still maintains "certain contacts" with people in Cuba, but he refused to elaborate on them.

He has been staying under an assumed name at the Key Biscayne Hotel since Sunday.

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